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The Commission on Civil Rights, sought to be established by this bill, can have no greater inquiry nor subpoena powers than the Congress which would create it. Consequently, should inquiry be made which might interfere with our operation, we could raise the argument of "Executive privilege", or the special responsibility imposed upon the Director by the CIA Act of 1949 and the National Security Act of 1947, to protect intelligence sources and methods.

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